

# RESOLUTION

27-2023



## SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS IN TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE (VETERAN STATUS)

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Caldwell County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the individuals who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women that served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Caldwell County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 700,000 Veterans in the State of North Carolina, with approximately 5,000 of those being in Caldwell County; and

**WHEREAS**, Veterans continue to serve their community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, church groups, civil service; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 20% increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, studies indicate that 44% to 72% of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

**WHEREAS**, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

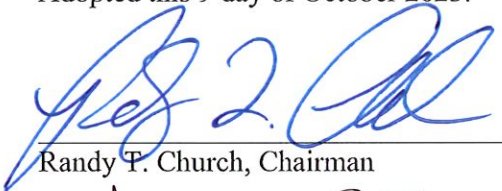
**WHEREAS**, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners appreciates the sacrifices our United States Military Personnel made while defending freedom and believes specific recognition be accorded to them in appreciation of their service and to demonstrate the honor and support, they have earned;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, with designation as a Green Light for Military Service County, Caldwell County hereby declares November 6, 2023 through November 12, 2023 a time to salute

and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service;  
and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in observance of Operation Green Light, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who the immeasurable sacrifices helped to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Adopted this 9 day of October 2023.



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Randy T. Church, Chairman



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Abigail Rich, County Clerk